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1. EMBASSY COUNSELOR MET WITH JAN OLANDER OF MFA/COMMERCE, ONE OF GOS OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CIEC. OLANDER DID NOT ATTEND THE JULY SESSIONS BUT HE WAS GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH THEM.

2. OLANDER NOTED FIRST THAT SWEDEN'S POSITION, "AS YOU KNOW," DIFFERS FROM THAT OF MOST OF THE G-8 IN THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE "REVISED DRAFT" FROM THE G-19 AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND HAD WARNED THE G-8 OF WHAT IT HAD ANTICIPATED CORRECTLY TO BE THE G-19 REACTION. OLANDER AGREED THAT THE DEBT ISSUE IS THE "SUPREME" QUESTION AT THIS TIME.

3. OLANDER STRESSED THROUGHOUT THE MEETING THE IMPORTANCE OF A "CREDIBLE" RESPONSE BY THE G-8. "WE MUST FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR UNDERTAKINGS AT NAIROBI UNCTAD IV THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS RAW MATERIALS QUESTIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND THAT WE WOULD TAKE UP DEBT QUESTION WITH ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CIEC."

4. THE GOS HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO FORMULATE ITS NEXT LINE OF ACTION ON THE CIEC, OLANDER OBSERVED. TOO MANY OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS NECESSARY TO SUCH A FORMULATION ARE STILL ON VACATION. MFA/COMMERCE HAS, HOWEVER, SOUGHT INFORMATION ON VIEWPOINTS FROM ITS MISSIONS AND EMBASSIES. THE ONLY REPLY WHICH OLANDER MENTIONED WAS FROM CARACAS WHERE AN OFFICIAL CLOSE TO PEREZ GUERRERO HAD INFORMED THE SWEDISH EMBASSY THAT THE LATTER WOULD BE MEETING WITH MAC EACHEN IN NEW YORK ON JULY 27. OLANDER SAID THIS MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT HE HAD NO REPORT YET OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. HE ALSO ASSUMED THAT THE TWO SPOKESMEN HAD DECIDED ON THEIR NEXT MEETING BUT SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHEN IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

5. OLANDER SAID IT IS HIS GOVERNMENT'S IMPRESSION THAT PEREZ GUERRERO HAS ONLY A MANDATE TO SEEK A SOLUTION THAT DOES NOT GIVE AWAY ANYTHING OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE G-19'S DEMANDS. HT AGREED THAT THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT HAD BEEN IN THE MINDS OF MANY OF THE HARDLINERS AT THE JULY CIEC MEETINGS AND THOUGHT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE HELPFUL IF PEREZ GUERRERO COULD CARRY TO THE MEETING A POSITIVE AND CONCILIATORY MESSAGE FROM THE G-8. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID "AS YOU KNOW," MINISTER OF COMMERCE LIDBOM IS GOING TO COLOMBO AS A "GUEST OR OBSERVER." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, OLANDER THOUGHT THAT THE "SWISS, AUSTRALIANS AND OTHERS" WERE INVITED AS OBSERVERS BUT HE WAS UNAWARE FROM WHAT LEVEL THEIR ELEGATES WOULD BE DRAWN.

6. EMBASSY COUNSELOR RAISED THE REPORTED EXCHANGE BETWEEN MAC EACHEN AND THE EC HIGH LEVEL GROUP (REFTEL B). OLANDER STATED THAT MAC EACHEN HAD SENT THE MFA A LETTER, RECEIVED ONLY ON JULY 28, PRESUMABLY IDENTICAL TO LETTER TO OTHERS IN G-8. REPLY NOT YET IN PREPARATION BY MFA BUT OLANDER SAID WE COULD EXPECT IT TO FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE GOING.

7. COMMENT. FOREGOING REFLECTS VACATION PERIOD SLOW-DOWN SITUATION HERE. OLANDER FRIENDLY BUT CAUTIOUS. BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY CAN COUNT ON FAIR DEGREE OF COOPERATION IN INFORMATION EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT IN CRUCIAL WEEKS AHEAD.
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